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Satellite Launch Pads
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of satellite launch sites/pads in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is planning to set up more space launch sites/pads and if so, the details thereof including the factors that are taken into consideration while setting up the sites; and

(c) the amount of funds sanctioned for setting up the launch sites/pads?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) India has one launch site with two launch pads at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota located in Andhra Pradesh State.

(b) No Madam. The Government has no plans to set up new launch site in immediate future. However, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) proposes to set up a new launch pad, referred as Third Launch Pad, at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The possible site for the Third Launch Pad has been identified in Sriharikota taking into account the safety distances and maximal utilization of existing launch pad facilities. Further work on design of the launch pad will be taken up at an appropriate time after finalizing the configuration of the advanced launch vehicle, operationalisation of GSLV Mk III, programmatic requirements and resource availability.

(c) Does not arise.

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